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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Box Sequence

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination thereof, please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

## In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Besides other DNA motifs (CAAT box, GT1 box, MART boxes, DOF boxes, Myb and Myc boxes), the promoter stated under SED ID No. 1 contains further, as yet unknown sequence motifs. One DNA sequence motifs. One DNA motif (CCACACACTACAA) (SEQ ID NO: 11) at position 2283 shows homologies with DNA sequence segments of the barley gbss I promoter and a DNA region in the wheat puroindolin promoter (Digeon et al. (1999) Plant Mol Biol. 39: